

Minutes of the February 25, 2000 meeting
City Council Chambers
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda

1. Chair Withers called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

John Withers, Chair
Melody Henriques, Vice-Chair
Rodger Siems
Carole Beswick
Jose Solorio

Staff Members Present

Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer
Kurt V. Berchtold, Assistant Executive Officer
Robert L. Holub, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer
Joanne E. Schneider, Environmental Program Manager
Karen Y. White, Executive Assistant
Barbara Laffoon, Secretary
Gary D. Stewart, Chief, Regulations
Reza Akhtarshad, Associate Water Resources Control Engineer, Land Disposal Section
Hope A. Smythe, Chief, Planning Section
Mark Smythe, Chief, Storm Water Section

Legal Counsel

Ted Cobb

Public Attendance

Don Williams, City of Corona
Rod Cruze, City of Riverside
Rachael Horn, Student, UC Riverside
Pat Kilroy, City of Lake Elsinore
Lee Whittenberg, City of Seal Beach
Anne Thomas, Best Best & Krieger
Greg Woodard, Burke, Williams & Sorensen
Steve Schindler, Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency
Bob Coluen, Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency
Adriel Gruton, City of Colton
Paul Mobley, United Strategies
George Hrebien, Alliance to Rescue Crystal Cove
Robert Wilders, The Farm Mutual Water Company
Roberta Marshall, The Irvine Company
Juleus Ma, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

Robert Neufeld, Fontana Union Water Company
Mary Ellen Harris, Harris EnvEd
Kim Lewand, Lawyers for Clean Water-Orange County Coastkeeper
Jim Colston, Orange County Sanitation District
Terry J. Balog, Frog Environmental
Charles E. Anderson, Frog Environmental
Peter Fox, City of Rialto
Peter Lee, City of Rialto
Ken Chan, Asbury Environmental
Ted Stephenson, Asbury Environmental
Jim Finegan, Norcal/San Bernardino, Inc.

The Board Chair introduced new members Jose Solorio, representing Municipal Government, and Carole Beswick, representing County Government.

Executive Officer Jerry Thibeault introduced staff members present. He also recognized Karen White's services as Executive Assistant to the Regional Board and offered congratulations on her promotion.

2. Public Forum

There was no response to call for public comment.

3. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 19, 1999

There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 19, 1999 were approved, as presented.

4. Consideration of Consent Calendar Items

Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements for Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District -
Regional Water Reclamation Facility (NPDES No. CA 8000027)
Order No. 00-01

Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements for Nuevo Energy Company, Platform
"Esther", Orange County (NPDES No. CA 0106828) Order No. 00-06

Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements for Morton International, Inc., San Bernardino
County (NPDES No. CA 0105899) Order No. 00-11

Renewal of Waste Discharge and Producer Water Reclamation Requirements for Big Bear
Area Regional Wastewater Agency, San Bernardino Co. (NPDES No. CA 8000344)
Order No. 00-12

Cease and Desist Order Amendment for the City of Rialto
Cease & Desist Order No. 00-24

Rescission of Cease and Desist Orders for John Koning Dairy
Rescission Order No. 00-28

Action: It was moved by Board Member Henriques, seconded by Board Member Siems and unanimously carried to adopt Orders No. 00-01, 00-06, 00-11, 00-12, Cease and Desist Order No. 00-24, and Rescission Order No. 00-28 as presented.

9. Appeal of Staff's Denial of an Exemption from the Minimum Lot Size Requirements for Subsurface Disposal System Use

Executive Officer Thibeault noted that this item should have been part of the consent calendar. It is staff's recommendation that the exemption be approved.

Action: It was moved by Board Member Siems, seconded by Board Member Henriques and unanimously carried to approve the Exemption from the Minimum Lot Size Requirements as presented.

Change In Order Of The Agenda

It was requested that Item No. 15 be addressed at this time to accommodate the time schedule of Tim Moore of Risk Sciences.

15. Nitrogen/TDS Amendment Workshop

Tim Moore, President, Risk Sciences, updated the Regional Board concerning the progress of the Task Force. For the benefit of the new members, a brief overview of the history of the project was presented. Mr. Moore briefly discussed the Task Force's recommendations for changes to groundwater subbasin boundaries and TDS and nitrogen objectives. He also outlined the remainder of the work, which is expected to be complete in about 18 months.

10. Basin Plan Amendment Workshop

The workshop pertained to a proposed amendment that would incorporate language authorizing compliance schedules in NPDES permits. Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Environmental Program Manager Schneider presented the staff report.

Comments were provided by:

Don Williams, Administrative Manager, City of Corona Water Utility Department.

Board Chair Withers directed staff to schedule a Public Hearing for the May 19, 2000 meeting to consider adoption of the basin plan amendment.

13. Storm Water Administrative Civil Liability Complaints

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript. The staff report was presented by Mark Smythe, Chief of the Storm Water Section.

Chair Withers opened the hearing by reading the Chair's statement.

Comments were provided by:

Terry Balog, Frog Environmental
Douglas Riffle, All Ford Auto Dismantling

Action: It was moved by Board Member Henriques, seconded by Board Member Beswick, and unanimously carried to affirm the assessment of \$5,000 for All Ford Auto Dismantling, Anaheim.
(Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. 00-22)

It was moved by Board Member Henriques, seconded by Board Member Siems, and unanimously carried to affirm the assessment of \$2,000 for Western Insulfoam of Chino.
(Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. 00-18)

14. Redlands Illegal Landfill (Information Item)

Staff member Reza Akhtarshad presented information regarding the illegal landfill adjacent to San Timoteo Creek at San Timoteo Canyon and Live Oak Canyon Road in Redlands. He presented photographs of dumped waste including tires, building debris, and leaking transformers. Mr. Akhtarshad also noted that hazardous waste drums were discovered at the site and were removed by the City of Redlands. Board staff is working with the city and other agencies to address this matter and will bring appropriate enforcement action recommendations back to the Board.

16. Crystal Cove Status Report (Information Item)

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Environmental Program Manager Schneider presented the staff report.

Comments were provided by:

Garry Brown, Member of Orange County Coastkeeper
Kim Lewand, Lawyers for Clean Water - Orange County Coastkeeper
Laura Davick - President, Alliance to Rescue Crystal Cove
Susan Jordan, League for Coastal Protection
George Hrebien, Alliance to Rescue Crystal Cove
Anne Thomas, Best Best & Krieger
Roberta Marshall, The Irvine Company

The Board indicated the desire to arrange for a site visit.

Closed session

The Board entered closed session at 12:50 p.m. to discuss a proposed settlement of potential litigation with Southern California Edison.

Resume Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 1:00 p.m.

17. Quarterly Violation Report

Executive Officer Thibeault explained that the new format being presented has been implemented statewide but that staff would be working to incorporate refinements. The Regional Board accepted the report as submitted.

18. General Permits

The Regional Board accepted the report of all new permittees recently enrolled under the Region's general permits as submitted.

19. Hazardous Waste and Sewage Spill Incident Report

The Regional Board accepted the report as submitted.

20. Executive Officer's Report (Information Item)

Executive Officer Thibeault advised the Board of the need to appoint a Board Member to the Wetlands Recovery Project Board of Governors and noted that Board Member Beswick had volunteered.

The Regional Board accepted the report as submitted.

21. Regional Board Member Communications

Board Member Siems stated that he is working with UCR regarding manure deposits. He will keep the Board advised.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Withers adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m., to the regular meeting of March 31, 2000, at the City Council Chambers of Corona.

Respectfully submitted:

s/GERARD J. THIBEAULT
Executive Officer

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